

REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 2010 - 12:00 TO 2:00 PM

Ada County Sheriff's Office

7200 W Barrister, Boise, ID

CHAIR: Greg Dickerson

VICE CHAIR: Sharon Ullman

Attendees: Ross Mason, Gina Westcott, Greg Dickerson, Courtney Santillan, Linda Zimmer, Connie Cruser, Kate Pape, Laura Thomas, Sharon Ullman, Shelley Retter, Judi Corlett, Mary Rong, Gayle Larson

Excused Absences:

Agenda	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Next Steps
Introductions and Attendance	Greg Dickerson		
Review Agenda	Greg Dickerson		
CMH Rule Changes	Greg Dickerson	<p>The CMH rule changes start on page 46 of the document. Public hearings will be held around the state. A hearing will be held in Boise on Wednesday June 30th at 5:00 p.m. at 700 W. State Street.</p> <p>Courtney has mailed out notices to all of her parents and stated that the Idaho Federation of Families is against the rule changes.</p> <p>Ross stated that the changes had a lot to do with funding and for those who go to the hearings, be sure to give alternatives and to contact their legislators.</p> <p>Sharon commented that there <u>IS</u> very limited funding</p> <p>Courtney stated that what bothers her is that DHW would be given sole discretion as to who they accepted for services.</p> <p>Gina gave her interpretation as DHW wants more anatomy with the 50-70% Medicaid cases we have. Medicaid can get services, possibly better services, in the community. Jeff D. opened up services to anyone wanting them which has bombarded the Department. DHW would take those who don't have insurance and leave those who do to the community.</p>	

		<p>Courtney asked why we need the Rule. “Why can’t we move to Gina’s explanation with out the Rule?” Gina explained that Jeff D. requires us to give services to all who ask.</p> <p>Gina asked the Board what they thought of community providers taking Medicaid clients except in the rural areas.</p> <p>Sharon doesn’t think this came out of nowhere. She feels that with the budget, this has been coming for quite some time.</p> <p>Ross stated that changing the language will not fix the problem, which is funding.</p> <p>Gina explained the Benefits Packages for Adult Mental Health and Children’s Mental Health. Fear is that all we will be left with are the clients in the criminal justice system.</p>	
Appointment Application	Greg Dickerson	It was determine that a forum did exist at the June 2010 meeting of the Region 4 Mental Health Board to conduct a vote on the appointment Application from Kate Pape. Gina motioned to accept Kate’s application. Sharon seconded. All were in favor. Kate Pape is now the Law Enforcement representative on the Board.	
Needs Assessment	Greg Dickerson	<p>Courtney asked if Greg should be on the Planning Council. Greg will update the Bi-Laws and consider it at that time.</p> <p>Greg reported that each region is supposed to advise the State Planning Council of the needs of the region and planning for service system improvement. Greg drafted a letter to the Council asking for guidance for technical assistance in creating a statewide format. The Board was in agreement that the letter should be sent to the Council.</p> <p>The Ada County Community meeting would be a great forum of people for doing a needs assessment. They look at ground level happenings in the area, such as emergency rooms, designated exams, law enforcement, etc.</p>	
Member Reports and Updates	All	Courtney reported on the CHC Conference. The Keynote Speaker was great. He spoke of needing more relationships and less texting, more eye contact.	

		<p>Know your family – where you come from. Gina complimented Courtney and her staff on putting the conference together.</p> <p>Gina reported she has hired a Chief of Children’s Mental Health. Her name is Mechelle Wilson and has been with the department in the past. She has worked in CMH and CP, as a clinician, clinical supervisor, chief and program specialist.</p> <p>McCall – Christy will be working out of her home indefinitely. She can the a conference room at Department of Labor and children can be seen at the detention center.</p> <p>The USPRA conference will be held at the Center on the Grove on 6/14-6/17.</p> <p>Courtney reported that the Federation was asked to develop a training for parents to become a better consumer of services. They are also looking at starting some new chapters. There is a new community service forming call “Time Banking.” You give an hour of your time to help someone else and you will receive an hour for yourself. This is to help with the loss of services.</p> <p>Connie asked if we sere experiencing suicide increases. She said there had been a large number in Elmore County</p>	
		Meeting adjourned.	

Next meeting is July 13, 2010 at the Ada County Sheriff’s Department.